

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1 and 3-5 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 2, 6 and 7 are canceled without a disclaimer and a prejudice to. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and fully supported by the specification as filed. Their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2 and 7 as being anticipated by Japanese Kokai No. 57-613 issued to Ogawa *et al.* ("Ogawa"). Claims 2 and 7 are cancelled by this amendment. Therefore, the rejections over claims 2 and 7 become moot. Furthermore, Applicants submit that the newly amended claim 1 is patentable over Ogawa.

Amended claim 1 recites a liquid crystal display, comprising: a first panel having a first electrode and a second electrode that are separated from each other and generate electric field by applying voltage; a second panel spaced apart from said first panel; a liquid crystal layer interposed between said first panel and said second panel, wherein liquid crystal molecules are aligned substantially parallel to said first panel and said second panel; and a plurality of spacers dispersed in the liquid crystal layer, wherein the spacers align liquid crystal molecules near the spacers in a substantially regular manner with respect to surfaces of the spacers.

Ogawa neither discloses nor suggests such features as recited in the amended claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable over Ogawa. Likewise, claims 3-5 that are dependent from the amended claim 1 are also patentable over Ogawa.

On page 3 of Office Action, the Examiner further rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese Kokai No. 3-69917 issued to Kondo *et al.* ("Kondo").

However, the amended claim 1 recites new features as discussed above. Kondo neither discloses nor suggests such features. Therefore, the amended claim 1 is patentable over Kondo. Likewise, claims 3-5 that are dependent from the newly amended claim 1 are also patentable over Kondo.

Since claim 7 is cancelled by this Amendment, all the rejections over claim 7 now became moot.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that all the rejections and objections over claim 1 be withdrawn and pass those claims to allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogawa.

By this amendment, claim 6 is cancelled, rendering the Examiner's rejection moot. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that rejections over claim 6 be withdrawn.

The Examiner alleges that Ogawa discloses a liquid crystal display wherein the spacers align liquid crystal molecules near the spacers in a substantially regular manner with respect to the surfaces of the spacers. And the Examiner further alleges that the only thing that lacks in the

Ogawa, a pair of polarizers, are well known in the liquid crystal display art and alleges that it would have been obvious to use polarizers in the device of Ogawa.

However, as discussed previously, amended claim 1 is patentable over Ogawa, because Ogawa neither discloses nor suggests such new features as a first panel having a first electrode and a second electrode. Therefore, claims 3-5 that are dependent from the newly amended claim 1 can be also patentable over Ogawa, because Ogawa lacks such features.

Thus, claims 3-5 are patentable over Ogawa in combination of the alleged prior art, because the combination of alleged prior art references neither disclosed nor suggests the features recited in the newly amended claim 1 from which claims 3-5 are dependent.

The Examiner further rejected claims 2-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Kokai No. 3-69917 issued to Kondo *et al.* ("Kondo").

As discussed previously, by this amendment, claims 2 and 6 are cancelled, rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

Claims 3-5 are patentable over Kondo, as they are dependent from the amended claim 1 that is already proven to be patentable over Kondo. Kondo neither discloses nor suggests such new features recited in the newly amended claim 1 and also incorporated in the dependent claims 3-5. Therefore, claims 3-5 that are dependent from the newly amended claim 1 are also patentable over the combination of Kondo and the alleged prior art reference, because the combination of Kondo and the prior art reference neither discloses nor suggests such new features as a first panel having a first electrode and a second electrode.

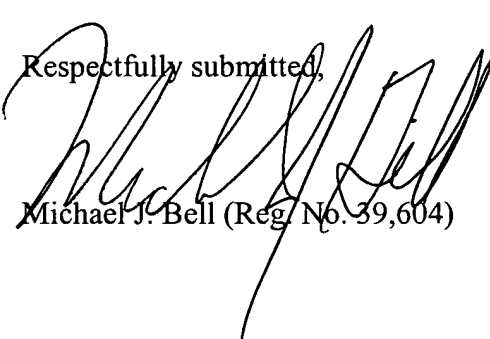
As such, it is respectfully requested that all the outstanding rejections and objections over claims 1 and 3-5 be withdrawn and pass those claims to allowance.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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